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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Commissioner for Patents
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Commissioner:

In response to the Office Action under mailing date April 13, 2004, which imposed a restriction requirement in the pending divisional application, the applicant, by his undersigned attorney, submits the following response.

- 1) The applicant provisionally elects the second aspect as defined in said Office Action, on which claims 1-43 read. However, the requirement for election is traversed.
- 2) Grounds for the traversal are based on MPEP 806.05(C) , MPEP 806.03 and the remarks set forth below.

REMARKS

The Office Action states that the first through the fortieth¹ aspects of the invention as set forth in the Specification are patentably distinct. The applicant respectfully submits that they are not patentably distinct. They stand in combination/subcombination

¹ The forty-first aspect of the invention set forth in the Specification forms no part of the current divisional application because it has been deleted by Preliminary Amendment inasmuch as it is contained within U.S. Patent No. 6,632,038 B2, issued to applicant on October 14, 2003.